

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2007**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy was held on May 18, 2007 at the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

Members Present:

Kendyl R. Brock, OTR/L, CHT, President
Donna J. Domyslawski, OTR/L
Mary Louise Austin, Consumer
Karen L. Cadaret, COTA/L

Absent:

Bikram Mohanty, Liaison
Kathleen H. Conyers, OTR/L, Vice President

Others Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Serena Gadson, Application Specialist
Wylencia Monroe, A. A.G. (via-videoconference)

Ms. Brock established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C. G.A. §43-1-2 (k) (4), O.C.G.A. §43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) and O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1) to deliberate on Applications, to receive the Attorney General's, Enforcement and Cognizant Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Brock, Domyslawski, Austin, and Cadaret. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Agenda:

Ms. Austin moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to accept the agenda with amendments.

Announcements:

No Announcements

Minutes:

Ms. Cadaret moved, Ms. Domyslawski seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2007 meeting with corrections.

Ms. Cadaret moved, Ms. Domyslawski seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 09, 2007 Conference Call Minutes as presented.

Correspondence:

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

Ms. Tiffany Martin - Does an OT have to have a prescription from a physician to provide Occupational Therapy to students in a school setting?

Board Response- Please refer to the Georgia Occupational Therapy Laws and Rules as well as the AOTA guidelines.

Ms. Kimberly Archer- Can supervising a level II Occupational Therapy student for 3 months count towards the requirements for continuing education?

Board Response- Please refer to the Georgia Occupational Therapy Laws and Rules, make sure to pay close attention to the rule on Continuing Education.

Ms. Suzanne Keifer- Can OT's perform sharps wound care debridement?

Board Response- Yes, OT's can perform wound care; it's in the scope of practice §O.C.G.A. 43-28. Please review the Georgia Occupational Therapy Laws and Rules, as well as the AOTA guidelines for more information.

Probation Report:

Dixie Farrell:	In Compliance
Brenda Johnson:	In Compliance

Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to accept the probation report as presented.

Board Policies Continued

Board discussed creating a policy regarding applicants exempt from CE requirements but, under the current rule, failed to renew their license by March 31st, even years or during the late-lapsed renewal period.

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General advised the Board that instead of drafting a policy, revise their rule and lower the continuing education hours for the applicants falling under this category. .

Mr. Zimmerman stated he would work with Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General on the wording for the rule change and present it at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Liaison Report:

No Report

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Zimmerman provided the Board with information on the following:

1. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he had not received any new updates from Governor Sonny Perdue in reference to new appointments to the Board.
2. Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that this year's annual NBCOT meeting would be held on October 27, 2007.

Ms. Domyslawski, Ms. Brock, and Mr. Zimmerman all stated that they would like to attend this year's NBCOT meeting. Ms. Conyers will be the alternate attendee if Mr. Zimmerman is unable to attend.

3. Mr. Zimmerman updated the Board on the number of open complaint cases with the Enforcement Division. Mr. Zimmerman also informed the Board that he would request a report on both cases from Enforcement for the next scheduled Board meeting.

Cognizant Member's Report:

OT070001- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to close case.

OT070010- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to refer this case to investigations to obtain more information.

OT070011- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to close case.

OT070012- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to close case.

OT070013- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to refer this case to investigations to obtain more information.

Enforcement Report:

OT060010- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board voted to close case.

OT060012- Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to leave the case open until further information can be obtained.

OT060015- Case is still with the Enforcement Division.

OT070003- Case is still with the Enforcement Division.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General stated she did not have a written report to present to the Board, and at the moment, there are no open cases with her department.

Applications:

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Application:

Bridges, Ethan M.	Approved
Griffin, Heather M.	Approved
Harrell, Tawana J.	Approved
Wood, James P.	Approved (waiver)

Board decision on petition for waiver/variance for James Wood was voted by the Board that the applicant met licensure requirements without waiver.

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Restoration:

Brown, Tanita	Approved
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Furlong, Denise M.	Approved
Medlin, Tracy D.	Approved
F.L.M.	Approved Pending
Tyson, Brenda D.	Approved
Z.M.W.	Approved Pending

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on Certifications of Physical Agent Modalities:

Barrow, Jami	Approved
Bhende, Emmalyn	Approved
L.H.	Pending
Hays, Jennifer G.	Approved
Mendoza, Sharon	Approved
Smith, Jacob J.	Approved

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on Certification of “All Modality” from limited certification:

Tan, Winright D.	Approved
Teaster, Ginger B.	Approved

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following reinstatement applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OT000827	Ansel, Pamela Ann	Occupational Therapist	4/11/2007
OT002780	Hawkins, Melinda Kim	Occupational Therapist	5/8/2007
OT002997	Steinhofer, Katherine Haines	Occupational Therapist	4/11/2007
OTA000916	Finch, Jessica Leigh	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/11/2007

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OTA000999	Nash, LaDonna Yvonne	Occupational Therapy Assistant	3/23/2007
OTA001000	Monk, Nikki Elisabeth	Occupational Therapy Assistant	3/23/2007
OTA001001	Pyatt, Dana Lorene	Occupational Therapy Assistant	3/26/2007
OTA001003	Joachin, Schaphir	Occupational Therapy Assistant	3/29/2007
OTA001004	Brinkley, Ashley Nicole	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/5/2007
OTA001005	Brown, Frances Marie	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/5/2007
OTA001006	Ross, Caroyln Rena'	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/5/2007
OTA001007	Jackson, Terri Lynn	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/11/2007
OTA001008	Stem, Alesha Nicol	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/17/2007
OTA001009	Swain, Crystal Lea	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/17/2007
OTA001010	Passwater, Melanie Phy	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/18/2007
OTA001011	Boyd, Michele Lynn	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/20/2007
OTA001012	Buxkemper, Tammy Sue	Occupational Therapy Assistant	4/30/2007

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OT004527	Vale, Renee Marie Miranda	Occupational Therapist	3/23/2007
OT004528	Lightner, Anne Christine	Occupational Therapist	3/23/2007
OT004529	Cumby, Jessica Noel	Occupational Therapist	3/26/2007
OT004530	Brockman, Sara Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist	3/29/2007
OT004531	Mitchell, Gerald Elroy	Occupational Therapist	3/30/2007
OT004532	Goroza, Pauline Parillo	Occupational Therapist	4/5/2007
OT004533	Hernandez, Angie Rochelle	Occupational Therapist	4/5/2007
OT004534	Kyle, Victoria Ellen	Occupational Therapist	4/5/2007
OT004535	Yap, Abigail Barlan	Occupational Therapist	4/5/2007
OT004536	Stein, Melissa Jo	Occupational Therapist	4/11/2007
OT004537	Rich, Joetta Lynn	Occupational Therapist	4/11/2007
OT004538	Wheeler, Rebekah Mae	Occupational Therapist	4/11/2007
OT004539	Bielstein-Revell, Tamara Michelle	Occupational Therapist	4/17/2007
OT004540	Nelkie, Gina Greene	Occupational Therapist	4/18/2007
OT004541	Beltz, Marissa G	Occupational Therapist	4/18/2007
OT004542	Wilson, Sara Teresa	Occupational Therapist	4/18/2007
OT004543	Dean, Tanya Elaine	Occupational Therapist	4/24/2007
OT004544	Savaja, Humera S.	Occupational Therapist	4/27/2007
OT004545	Fernandez, Ma.Katherine Corro	Occupational Therapist	5/2/2007
OT004546	Shannon, Christopher Fahey	Occupational Therapist	5/8/2007
OT004547	Martynuska, Dana Lee	Occupational Therapist	5/11/2007
OT004548	Greco, Wendy Renee	Occupational Therapist	5/11/2007
OT004549	Bernard, David Michael	Occupational Therapist	5/15/2007

With no additional business to be discussed, Ms. Austin moved, Ms. Cadaret seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Kendyl Brock, President

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on _____.